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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
 - a. [[an]] a processor-based information access portal configured to convey patient health data and other information to an authorized, uniquely identified person, the information access portal comprising:

an interface to a patient management system, the patient management system configured to store and analyze patient health data; and

an interface to an implantable medical device, the implanted medical device configured to sense and transmit patient health data to the patient management system and comprising a proximity recognition system; and

- b. [[a]] an electronic recognition module, separate from the implantable medical device, and configured to detect the proximity recognition system in the implantable medical device, uniquely identify the implantable medical device using the proximity recognition system, and authorize grant a person implanted with the implantable medical device access to patient health data via the information access portal without further action by the person.
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the patient management system is remote from the information access portal.
- 5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the recognition module comprises a fingerprint recognition system.

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6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the recognition module comprises a security

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access card system.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the recognition module comprises a bar code

scanning system.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the recognition module comprises a voice

recognition system.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the recognition module comprises a facial-

identification system.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the recognition module comprises a retinal

scan recognition system.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the information access portal conveys

information.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the conveyed information is

conveyed in a multi-media presentation.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the multi-media presentation

comprises audio, video and tactile presentations.

16. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the information access portal conveys

physiometric information.

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17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the physiometric information is

conveyed in a multi-media presentation.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the multi-media presentation

comprises audio, video and tactile presentations.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the physiometric information

comprises static information.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the physiometric information

comprises trended information.

21. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the information access portal conveys other

information.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the other information is

conveyed in a multi-media presentation.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, wherein the multi-media presentation

comprises audio, video and tactile presentations.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the person can configure the

other information.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the other information comprises

at least one of: a current event report, a stock price, a weather report, a sports report, and an

economic report.

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26. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the information access portal comprises a home interface system.

- 27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the home interface system comprises a personal computing device.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the home interface system comprises a portable personal computing device.
- 29. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the information access portal comprises a kiosk.
- 30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the information access portal comprises a publicly available terminal.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the access portal is publicly available.
- 32. (Canceled)
- 33. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
 - a publicly accessible <u>processor-based</u> information access portal configured to convey patient health data and other information to an authorized, uniquely identified person in a multi-media presentation, the publicly accessible information access portal comprising:

an interface to a patient management system configured to store patient health data and analyze patient health data using at least one clinically derived procedure consistent with a standard of medical care; and an interface to an implantable medical device configured to sense and transmit patient health data, the implantable medical device comprising a proximity recognition system; and

- b. [[a]] an electronic recognition module configured to detect the proximity recognition system in the implantable medical device, uniquely identify the implantable medical device using the proximity recognition system, and authorize grant a person implanted with the implantable medical device access to patient health data and other information via the publicly accessible information access portal without further action by the person.
- 34. (Currently Amended) A method for conveying information to a person comprising the steps of:
 - a. detecting, at an electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device implanted in the person; and
 - b. granting the person access to a publicly accessible information access portal when the electronic recognition module positively identifies the person as one with a right to access the publicly accessible information access portal, conveying information in the form of physiometric data to the identified person through the information access portal, and conveying other information to the identified person through the information access portal, without further action by the person[[;]]
 - c. conveying information in the form of physiometric data to the identified person through the information access portal; and
 - d. conveying other information to the automatically identified person through the information access portal.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device implanted in the person comprises the prior step of implanting an identifiable medical device within the person.

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36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of allowing

the person to enter information into the access portal.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying the person using a fingerprint

recognition system.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying the person using a security

access card system.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying the person using a bar code

scanning system.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying the person using a voice

recognition system.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying the person using a facial-

identification system.

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42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying the person using a retinal scan

recognition system.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying a patient.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying a clinician.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of detecting, at an

electronic recognition module, a proximity recognition system in an implantable medical device

implanted in the person comprises the further step of identifying a person authorized to access

the access portal.

47. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of conveying physiometric data

comprises the further step of conveying static physiometric data.

48. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of conveying physiometric data

comprises the further step of conveying trended physiometric data.

49. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of conveying physiometric data

comprises the further step of conveying data in a multi-media format.

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50. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of conveying other information

comprises the further step of conveying information in a multi-media format.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the step of conveying data

comprises the further step of presenting audio, video and tactical presentations.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the step of conveying data

comprises the further step of presenting audio, video and tactical presentations.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of conveying

physiometric data comprises the further step of conveying data comprising cardiovascular data,

electro-chemical data, blood chemistry data, temperature data, wedge pressure data, oxygen

saturation data, weight data, subjective well-being data, blood pressure data, EKG data or other

physiological or psychological data.

54. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of conveying physiometric data

comprises the further step of comparing the physiometric data of the person to the physiometric

data from a population of persons.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the step of comparing the

physiometric data of the person to the physiometric data from the population of persons further

comprises comparing the physiometric data of the person to the physiometric data from a

population of persons with a health profile similar to the person.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the step of comparing the

physiometric data of the person to the physiometric data from the population of persons further

comprises comparing the physiometric data of the person to the physiometric data from a

population of persons, the population physiometric data being selected by the person.

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58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the step of comparing the

physiometric data of the person to the physiometric data from the population of persons further

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comprises comparing the physiometric data of the person to the physiometric data from a

population of persons, the population physiometric data being selected by a clinician.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the step of comparing the

physiometric data of the person to the physiometric data from the population of persons further

comprises comparing the physiometric data of the person to the physiometric data from a

population of persons, the population physiometric data being selected by another person so

authorized to compare and select the data.

60. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of conveying other data comprises

the further step of conveying data comprising reports of current events, stock prices, weather,

sports, economic and other information.

61. (Canceled)